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1. ORIENT NEWS OF JAN 11 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD APPROVED DRAFT OF EXTRADITION TREATY WITH INDONESIA AND THAT IT WOULD BE SIGNED IN JAKARTA PRIOR TO ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING. STORY STATED BOTH PARTIES HAD AGREED TO EXTRADITE "WANTED SUSPECTS IN CRIMES, OR CONVICTS AND OTHER WANTED CRIMINALS WHO MAY BE FOUND IN HIDING IN ITS PARTY'S TERRITORY..." ORIENT NEWS JAN 12 MAJOR EDIT HAILS TREATY AS WAY TO BREAK UP CONTRABAND TRAFFIC IN ARMS, AMMUNITION INTO MINDINAO, AND NARCOTICS, CIGARETS AND LIQUOR INTO ALL PHILIPPINES SINCE "NATURAL HIDING PLACE FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY OF INDONESIA." EDIT ALSO SAYS AGREEMENT WITH INDONESIA SHOULD BREAK LOGJAM OF PENDING AGREEMENTS WITH MALAYSIA TO HALD GUNRUNNING AND WITH U.S. WHICH HAS BECOME "GROWING HABITAT FOR FILIPINO FUGITIVES FLEEING THE LAW HERE. SUCH A TREATY (WITH THE U.S.) THEN HAS BEEN OVERDUE."

2. EMBASSY LEARNED SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER FROM INDONESIAN SOURCE THAT JUSTICE SECRETARY ABAD SANTOS WOULD SIGN
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DOCUMENT IN JAKARTA FEB 10. AS WE REPORTED REFAIRGRAM, ONLY HURDLE WAS QUESTION OF TERRITORY (LAS PALMAS). INDO-

NESIAN SOURCE INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT REQUIRE
GOP TO RENOUNCE CLAIM TO LAS PALMAS, SAYING QUESTION
HAD ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED IN 1924 ARBITRATION (WHICH
HE ALLEGED GOP ACCEPTED) AND THAT PRESSING GOP ON TER-
RITORIAL ISSUE TRESPASSED IN EFFECT ON TWO COUNTRIES'
ARCHIPELAGIC INTERESTS, WHICH HE SUGGESTED WAS SEPARATE
MATTER TO BE RESOLVED AT ANOTHER TIME.

3. COMMENT: PNA CARRIED STORY BUT WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO U.S. AND IT WILL PROBABLY APPEAR IN OTHER PRESS AS
WELL. ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL PUBLIC ASSUMPTION RP/
INDONESIA TREATY WOULD APPLY TO FILIPINO EMIGRES IN
U.S., THAT IS NOT, SO FAR AS WE KNOWN, AN OFFICIAL
ASSUMPTION AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOP WISHES TO RAISE
ISSUE SOON WITH U.S.
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